Employment report by ILO

†3734. DR. D. MASTHAN:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the Employment Report recently published by the International Labour Organisation stating therein, that the information and communication technology has certainly created the employment opportunities in the developed countries but not in developing countries;

(b) if so, Government's response thereto; and

(c) what assistance has been made by Government with regard to creating additional employment opportunities alongwith expansion of information and communication technology in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) World Employment Report has brought out that only about one half of the world's population has access to the electricity, phone-lines and other infrastructure necessary to enable them to adopt information technologies in production and consumption; that leaves a large proportion of the world population at a significant disadvantage. The report also indicates that the software industry in India which grew at an annual rate of over 50% during the 1990's is one of its spectacular achievements and has created thousands of jobs.

(b) and (c) The primary objective of the Ninth Plan is to generate greater productive employment in the growth process itself by concentrating on sectors, sub-sectors and technologies which are more labour intensive, in regions characterised by higher rate of unemployment and under employment.

A Task Force under the Chairmanship of Dr. M.S. Ahluwalia, Member, Planning Commission has also been set up to look into the

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employment generation taking place and to suggest measures to generate at least one hundred million jobs in a period of 10 years (Ten million jobs in each year).

Proper representation of OBC in Government Jobs

3735. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken up by Government for proper representation of Other Backward Classes in different grades of services like that of SC and ST;

(b) whether Government have any Plan for constituting a National Commission for OBCs like that of National Commission for SC and ST; and

(c) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING AND DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND PENSIONERS WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Instructions already exist for reservation of 27% posts for Other Backward Classes in direct recruitment. In order to ensure that the Other Backward Classes as also the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes get representation as per the prescribed percentages of reservation for the respective categories, the Ministries/Departments etc. are required to fill up vacancies by following the post based rosters.

(b) National Commission for Backward Classes already exists.

(c) Does not arise.

Disproportionate assets of Public Servants

3736. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of public servants possessing assets